Cherry Poppers
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ゲイの足鷹には忘れられない男がいた。過去に一度だけ自分を抱いた男・能代だ。能代とのセックスは苦々しい思い出だったことから、二度とネコはしないと誓った足鷹は色男に成長するところが数年後、偶然にも能代と再会し、さらに猛アタックをかけられて…!?

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WHAT, ARE YOU SLEEPY?
Nn
Wobble
whump
GUESS THERE'S NO HELPING IT...
. has entered super lovey-dovey mode and offered me a lap pillow...!!
The crazy prickly Ashitaka
JUST 'TIL THE MOVIE ENDS
There's 10 minutes left now
Those damn hearts are annoying
I LOVE YOU!

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One day
...in the middle of a kiss...
...I briefly recalled...
that the cherry tomato plant in my room was starting to sprout unripe fruit
...It must have been an omen.

lick
WELL...
GUESS I COULD HAVE A LITTLE OF YOU...
HEY
I'M NOT SEEING ANYONE RIGHT NOW...
HM?
WHAT'RE YOU UP TO TONIGHT?
Hahaa!
THANKS?
YOU'RE JUST AS DIRTY AS EVER!
Ugh, why do you have to be so damn SEXY?
Whenever I find someone I like, we have a few drinks and then head for a hotel
This is my favorite gay bar--where I can be as far out of the closet as I like

That had been my plan for tonight as well
Yo!
Ashitaka!
Until
IT'S BEEN A WHILE!

NOSHIRO?!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?!
YIKES IS THAT HOW YOU TREAT SOMEONE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IN 3 YEARS ?
GEH!
WHA...

Wow, he looks hot!
OOH!
FRIEND OF YOURS?
JUST AN D COLLEGE ASSMATE
Former lover.
WHOA
TSK!
DON'T BRING UP SOMETHING I'M DOING MY DAMNEDEST TO FORGET!
YOU SPOKE IN SY- ACK!
GLARE

EH?!
HEY! WAI--
I THINK I'M GONNA JUST HEAD HOME TONIGHT...
hurry
shudder
Ahh...
GUESS YOU GOT DUMPED!
WHAT'S WITH HIM?
irritated
WELL--AT LEAST SIT DOWN FOR NOW.

I'M LEAVING
RUNNING AWAY FROM ME AGAIN?
FREEZE
Got it!
BARKEEP-- A KAMIKAZE
Settle
DRINKING ALONE? WHAT A LOSER
I'M NOT EXACTLY WANTING FOR COMPANY
THEN RUN ALONG WITH ONE OF THEM TO A HOTEL OR SOMETHING

HAH!
WELL AREN'T I JUST THE *LUCKIEST*?
NAH--I'LL HANG OUT WITH YOU, SEEING AS YOU JUST GOT DUMPED AND LOOK LIKE YOU COULD USE THE COMPANY.
YOU MIS-PRONOUNCED *WAY COOLER*.
YOU'RE *WAY* LESS CUTE THAN YOU USED TO BE
!
AH-- RUI...
WOW, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER SEEN YOU PISSED, AKKUN!
IS THAT YOUR NEW BOYFRIEND?
HUH?
irritated

Hell no!
I'VE TOLD YOU I'VE GOT NOT INTEREST IN BOTTOMING!
IT'S SUCH A SHAME YOU'VE GOT THAT 'BOTTOM TRAUMA' OR WHATEVER
Up we _o'

?
BUT--HE DOESN'T SEEM LIKE YOUR USUAL TYPE...
HAVE YOU FINALLY DECIDED TO BOTTOM?
HAVE A CHANGE IN TENETS?

THEN
DON'T SOUND SO SURPRISED
'BOTTOM TRAUMA'?
YOU ONLY TOP...?

HOW 'BOUT I FUCK YOU?
NOSHIRO.
grab

GEH!
!
grin
Why you
GRAB
Like I'm gonna lose to the likes of you !!
lick

suck
lick
Mm
ah...
nibble
nibble
smoo-ch
Mn
Ngh
haa
schlick
sch!
suckle
Mm...
lick
slurp
SUCK FACE
That is probably the least sexy kiss I've ever seen.
They're really going at it, huh...
slide
shudder
slip
ah
ngh
ha!
!!
FWAH!

I SEE YOUR BACK'S STILL YOUR WEAK POINT, HUH
SPAT PISSED
YOU-!
THAT'S FIGHTING DIRTY!!
HUFF
HUFF
Aww, Akkun lost!
FIGHTING IS PROHIBITED!
HIGH!
clap
SHOCK
SORRY TO MAKE A FUSS
THANKS FOR THE DRINK
WHAT? LEAVING ALREADY?
SEE YA, RUI!
Bye!

GRAB
!
NOSHIRO
wipe
SHIT...
THIS SUCKS.
...WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT?
rustle
pause
YOU STILL CARRY THOSE COUGH DROPS WITH YOU?
HUH?
I'VE GOT SOME ON ME

GIMME ONE
I NEED SOMETHING TO SUCK ON
What?!
HELL NO
JUST SMOKE A CIGARETTE!
YOU'VE GOT SOME--I JUST SAW THEM!
YOUR LUNGS ARE STILL WEAK, RIGHT?
YOU ALWAYS USED TO GET SICK RIGHT AS THE SEASONS WERE CHANGING ASTHMA CROPPING UP
AS IF I COULD HAVE A PROPER SMOKE IN FRONT OF SOMEONE LIKE THAT
grab
sleek
FINE HERE
reluctant
WHY DID YOU RUN OFF AND LEAVE ME?

SNAP
WHAT THE HELL WAS THAT ABOUT?!
BUT WHEN I REALIZED YOU SEEMED TO BE AVOIDING ME, YOU JUST UP AND DISAPPEARED. DIDN'T EVEN SHOW UP AT GRADUATION.
Huh?
I HAD NO INTENTION OF BREAKING UP WITH YOU.
DO YOU EVEN REMEMBER WHAT HAPPENED THE FIRST TIME WE HAD SEX?
SLAP
YOU KEPT SAYING YOU WANTED TO DO IT SO BADLY.
SO AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGMENT I LET YOU HAVE ME.
Ugh...
Hng!!
CREAK
CREAK
Ow!

THIS IS HORRIBLE
BUT...
I FEEL SICK
THIS HURTS!
HURTS SO MUCH!
ASHI-TAKA...!
ash...
haa
ASHI-TAKA...
Hng...
Ugh...
clench
dammit...
...YOU KNOW, IT FELT PRETTY GOOD WITH A WOMAN, BUT...
lifeless
puff
Wake

...MAYBE OUR BODIES JUST AREN'T COMPATIBLE...?
SPK CRACKLING SNAP
REMEMBERING it leaves me feeling sick
tremble
shudder
I'M SURE AS HELL THOUGHT WE WERE BREAKING UP THEN!
I'M NEVER SLEEPING WITH YOU AGAIN, YOU BAG OF SHIT!
SLAM
OOF
ING"
I DON'T WANT TO HEAR ANY EXCUSES NOW!
WAIT! THAT WAS...
FWIP
IGNORE
I ONLY MEANT THAT SEX HAD BEEN PRETTY GOOD EVEN WITH CHICKS I WASN'T REALLY INTO...
GRAB

SO I'D JUST ASSUMED THAT WITH YOU, IT'D BE EVEN BETTER!
BUT--
IT WAS THE FIRST TIME EITHER OF US HAD HAD SEX WITH A-- NOTHER GUY
SO THINGS DIDN'T REALLY GO AS WELL AS I'D THOUGHT THEY WOULD
HEY--!
I WON'T MAKE THE MISTAKES I DID AGAIN!
I SWEAR I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD THIS TIME!

SO--LET'S SCREW!
WAIT--I MEAN, LET'S TRY DATING AGAIN!
SNAP
I'M LEAVING.
step
step
step
HEY! SO WHAT'S YOUR RESPONSE?!
NO SCREWING. NO DATING. ABSOLUTELY REFUSE. NO WAY NO HOW. AIN'T GONNA HAPPEN
BUT YOU'RE SINGLE NOW, AREN'T YOU?
I DON'T SEE WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL
SHUT. UP.

...SO IS IT TRUE YOU HAVE A BOTTOM TRAUMA?
I SAID SHUT. UP.
SO YOU DON'T LET GUYS FUCK YOU...?
GOD YOU'RE ANNOY-ING.
You mean you haven't done it up the ass since that time with me?
ARGH
GEEZ!
SHUT THE HELL UP!!
I'VE NEVER BEEN LIKE THAT WITH ANYONE BUT YOU!
THERE!
HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT?!
STOP FOLLOW-ING ME!
Hmph!
dash
Ah

Heh
WHADYA MEAN 'HOW DO I LIKE THAT'...?
THAT'S THE BEST NEWS I'VE HEARD IN A WHILE!
WHAT THE HELL WAS WITH THAT 'HOW DO YOU LIKE THAT'?
It makes no sense

HUH?
IT'S A CHERRY TOMATO PLANT.
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
HERE

Ever since then, for some reason, I grow a new cherry tomato plant every year.
This is the third one.
IT'S JUST...
Ooh it's getting red

...I RAN INTO THE REASON I STARTED GROWING YOU EARLIER...

If he found out about this...
...he'd most definitely use it against me
Sigh
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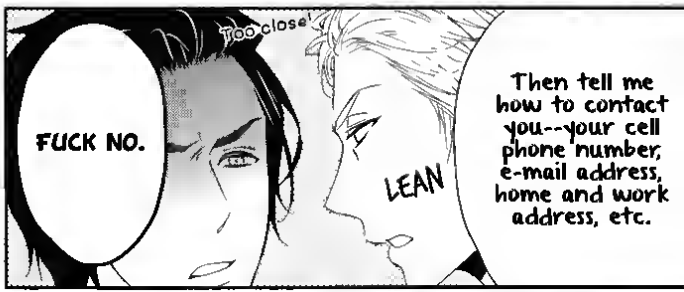
Bar
Blue Organ
RATTLE
OH!
ASHITAKA!
glance
HEY
WHAT'S IT BEEN, THREE WEEKS?
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN AROUND LATELY—
YEAH I'VE BEEN A BIT BUSY

Hey.
JOLT
I GUESS YOU CRAM SCHOOL TEACHERS HAVE IT ROUGH HUH?
MMM, YEAH
BUT I'M ENJOYING MYSELF AT LEAST
SMOOCH
STOMP
STOMP
NOSHIRO!
AND I'D THOUGHT YOU WERE GONE
Dammit

What the hell are you suggesting with such a serious expression?!
YOU DON'T GET ONE.
My kiss on the cheek.

YOUR WHAT?
SO WHERE'S MINE?


Too close!
FUCK NO.
LEAN
Then tell me how to contact you--your cell phone number, e-mail address, home and work address, etc.

WHY NOT HAVE A DRINKING CONTEST?
AND IF NOSHIRO WINS, YOU COULD TELL HIM YOUR NUMBER!
THEN--
I DON'T NEED THAT!
You get to hear my voice.
EXCUSE ME? WHAT GOOD DOES IT DO ME TO TELL YOU THAT?
THEN I'LL SETTLE FOR JUST YOUR CELL PHONE NUMBER

SOUNDS GREAT!
You're off tomorrow so it's all right even if you overdo it!
And if Akkun wins, you never ask him for his contact information ever again!
clink
Their fifth cup each of whiskey on the rocks
I'M IMPRESSED WITH HOW MUCH YOU TWO CAN HOLD
I COULD SAY THE SAME FOR YOU
I'LL BET THE BOOZE IS STARTING TO HIT YOU NOW HUH?

AND HIS PALLOR HASN'T CHANGED AT A--
HUH?
glance
BUT THEN...
...I'VE NEVER ACTUALLY SEEN HIM DRINK BEFORE...
WHAT...?!
stare...
STARING A HOLE THROUGH ME...
WHAT'S WITH YOU?

YOU'RE...
...ACTUALLY PRETTY DRUNK RIGHT NOW AREN'T YOU?
HUH? BUT HE LOOKS COMPLETELY NORMAL TO ME
WHAT KIND OF SHIT ARE YOU SPOUTING NOW...?
HEY!
CUT IT OUT ALREADY!
gulp
I'M TELLING YOU I'M TOTALLY FI...

THUD
...NE.
SEE?!
Ooh, I like the sound of that
AND AFTER I TRIED TO WARN HIM...
WOW! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU COULD TELL!
Great job!
HE'S NEVER BEEN THE SORT TO ALTER HIS EXPRESSION ALL THAT MUCH
...I CAN JUST READ HIM.
BUT SOMEHOW...

I've brought some water
EVER SINCE HE RAN INTO YOU THE OTHER DAY...
...HE'S BEEN HANGING AROUND THE SHOP EVERY DAY UNTIL WE CLOSE.
ALL BY HIMSELF.
OH, WELL...
I DON'T REMEMBER HIM BEING THIS MUCH OF A LIGHTWEIGHT
STILL I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST HE DROPPED OUT...

HE'S GOTTA BE TOTALLY EXHAUSTED!
THAT'D DEFINITELY DO A NUMBER ON ANYONE!
...WHAT THE HELL WAS HE THINKING?
HUH...?

HUH?
HE'S A TOUGH ONE
TAKING A PUNCH TO THE GUT, SUFFERING A FRACTURE, AND GETTING RUN OFF ON...
AND THEN GOING OUT OF HIS WAY TO TRACK YOU DOWN AND PURSUE YOU AGAIN...
SORRY!
I HEARD A BIT OF HIS STORY THE OTHER DAY WHEN HE WAS HERE ALONE...
I DON'T REALLY CARE...
BUT... A FRACTURE?
THAT'S HOW I HEAR IT!
YOU'RE ONE TOUGH COOKIE!
WOW
PLUS HE'S GONE ALL OUT TRYING TO GET YOUR PHONE NUMBER...
HE MAY NOT LOOK IT, BUT HE'S REALLY GIVEN IT HIS ALL HERE!

.....
I'LL DROP HIM OFF AT A LOVE HOTEL AROUND HERE.
WANT SOME HELP...?
NAH. I'LL PROBABLY BE FINE.
Sigh
GUESS THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO BE DONE HERE...

C'MON, GET UP
WE'RE TAKING A WALK
NOSHIRO.
NOSHIRO.
...HE'S PRETTY COMPLIANT WHEN HE'S HALF-ASLEEP HUH
You can direct him
That's useful to know
WOW...!
Useful indeed
wobble

mutter
GEEZ MAK-ING ME TAKE CARE OF YOU...
mutter
slide
NGH
smuggle...
...H...
Still...
ONLY HIS EARS ARE RED...
LIKE LITTLE TOMATOES.
snort

His face is as beautiful as ever...
...HIS LOOKS ARE TOTALLY MY TYPE...
turned on
.....
THE OTHER DAY—YOU SUGGESTED THAT WE SCREW—
—DIDN'T YOU?
THEN—
grin

...YOU WON'T MIND BEING ON BOTTOM, WILL YOU...?
Slide
DON'T YOU WORRY...
I'LL BE GENTLE...
AND MAKE SURE IT FEELS AMAZING
CREAK...

WAKE
.....?
Something's heavy
leer
THIS TIME I'M GONNA TAKE YOUR VIRGINITY
YOU AWAKE NOW...?
DRUNKARD
HEY THERE

SFX: OVERBALANCE
shove
WHA_?!
But-he was supposed to be drunk off his ass_!!
FWUMP
ACK!

GET...
NGH...!
NN...
A...WAY FROM ME!
muffle
huff
ASHITAKA...
lick

shudder
...all that booze in him has finally made him snap!
This guy
JOLT
!
grope
OI, NOSHIRO
WAIT--
HOLD ON--!
tremble
.....

yank
slip
tug
tug
squeeze
huff
clench
DAMMIT
reach
rustle
!

I DON'T DO ONE-SIDED PLEASURE
squelch
schlick
schlick
schlick
Nn..
huff
Hng...
shudder
Haa
HE'S...
...GOTTEN REALLY GOOD
huff
huff

SFX: SPURT
ドクッ
Ha-!
ASHITAKA...
huff
huff
AH...
lick
SHOCK
brush
Nn...
suckle
ASHI-
TAKA...
kiss
huff
huff

huff
huff
GEEZ THIS GUY
Got slugged.
GET THE HELL OFF ME, YOU DRUNK!!
SHOVE
.....
E-mail address.
@mnne.JP
--Ashitaka
Some-thing fell
?
DROP
DROP
GUESS I COULD HANG HIS SUIT UP AT LEAST

5 condoms
&
5 lube packets
THIS FUCKER
STOMP
STOMP
SNAP
CRUMPLE
Paper with his information on it
LIKE HELL I'M EVER GIVING HIM MY PHONE NUMBER OR ADDRESS.
RIP
The END

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Che..
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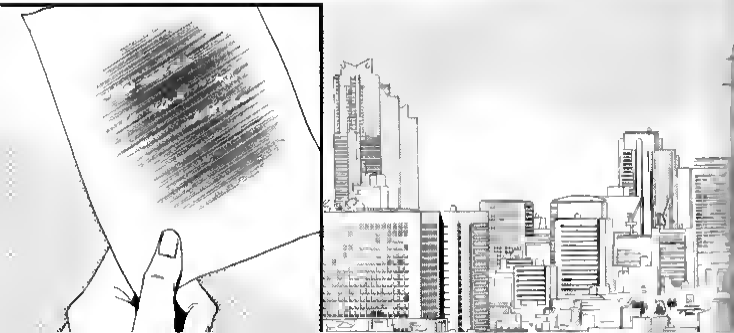
HUH?
YOU HATE TOMATOES?
That's rich brats for you!
YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER EVEN TRIED ONE!
...NOT MY FAULT THEY LOOK DISGUSTING
Hey when was that report due?
Huh? yesterday
REALLY?
IDIOT...
THEY JUST POP IN YOUR MOUTH--SO DELICIOUS!
C'MON TRY ONE
press
'POP'...?
JUST TRY IT.

!?
!?
POP
BUT BE CAREFUL NOT TO LET THE SKIN BURST.
the insides
Chomp
If you insist
OH--
WHAT THE HELL... ARE TOMATOES SUPPOSED TO EXPLODE?
HEY-- WHAT'S SO FUNNY, ASHITAKA--?
NO--
IT'S
SOR--
tremble
SNORT
huff
SO? HOW WAS IT?
YOU KNOW--
--THE WAY IT JUST POPPED.

I learned that love was a strange thing...

...and from that moment on, cherry tomatoes became my absolute favorite food.



alone...
His contact information...?
...when I woke up, Ashitaka was gone...
The other day...
SHOCK
All he left behind was this note
I can still make out part of it!
...BUT WHILE I CAN MAKE OUT HIS SIGNATURE I CAN'T TELL WHAT THE ADRESS IS...
I TRIED FILLING IT IN...
Is that an "i" or a "j"...? And is that an "n" or an "m"...??
approach...

Could you please not take things that aren't yours without asking?
you'll get it dirty
Little brat
A NOTE?
SNATCH
OOH, AND WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
swipe
DOES THE FACT THAT YOU'RE SO UPTIGHT RIGHT NOW MEAN THAT THAT'S THE E-MAIL ADDRESS OF THAT GUY YOU'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR?
CLATTER
!
YOU MEAN YOU CAN READ THIS?!
NOPE. NOT AT ALL
Looks like a big blob of black to me
YOU'VE BEEN CRAZY BUSY UNTIL JUST RECENTLY--I'M SURPRISED YOU MANAGED TO TRACK HIM DOWN
I'VE GOTTA TAKE MY HAT OFF TO YOUR PERSEVERANCE
...PLEASE TRY NOT TO MEDDLE IN MY AFFAIRS.

I WANT IT MORE THAN YOU CAN IMA-GINE...!!
EXPRESSIONLESS
Right? I've got police and fire-fighters as well!
You're quite well-con nect ed
WANT ME TO CALL IN A FAVOR?
I'VE GOT AN APPRAI-SER FRIEND, YOU KNOW...
YOU SURE YOU WANNA TAKE THAT TONE WITH ME...?
Leer
And a lawyer and prosecutor and scientist
The likelihood that Ashitaka will give me his contact information of his own accord...
Though I really love that stubborn side to him
NEXT TO ZERO.
A college pro fessor, a doctor, a nurse, members of the mass media, a love hotel owner
When I'll be able to see him again...
NO CLUE AT ALL.
But...
WELL, I DON'T INTEND ON TAKING HELP FROM ANYONE WHEN IT COMES TO THIS PERSON
shortly
Oh?
STAND

No can do!
People who can speak 5 languages are rare!
IF YOU TRULY FEEL THAT WAY, PLEASE STOP TAKING SO MANY BUSINES TRIPS OVERSEAS.
And here I was hoping I'd finally be able to cheer on an adorable subordinate in his quest for true love
YOU'RE AN UNEXPECTED SAP, YOU KNOW, NOSHIRO-KUN?
Still...
...what happened to that address, since he obviously brought himself to write it down...?
Headed off to the bar again tonight.
DID I PISS HIM OFF SOMEHOW?
I mean...I do at least remember how crazy sexy he looked...

"NOSHIRO...!"

That desperate voice I finally got to hear for the first time in three years...

There's no way it'll ever fade from my ears.

And in doing so I experience the overwhelming urge...

I keep playing it over and over in my mind.

...to touch him...

Hmph!
IF POSSIBLE... I'D REALLY LOVE TO SEE HIM SMILE
Though that's probably just a fool's hope, huh
Pretty sure I could get him to smirk at me though
SFX. PAUSE

...and to see him.

SFX: STARE...
じーーー...
innale
tuhh
Ashitaka.
!?
...DO YOU FEEL SICK?
HUH?
WHY WOULD YOU ASK THAT?
He doesn't look anything like me
YO
HUH?

DAMMIT, ARE YOU GOING TO THAT BAR, TOO?
I'M NOT GOING TO THE BAR SO MUCH AS GOING TO SEE YOU
...YOU ACTUALLY WANT ME TO ABUSE YOU?
When did you become such a masochist?
JUST YOU'RE NOT ACTING ALL CONTRARY
You're not as prickly as usual
WELL AREN'T WE LUCKY
I'VE NEVER NEEDED TO DROWN MY SORROWS
BUT IF I GO, THEN I GET TO SEE YOU

...YOU KNOW YOU'RE--
murmur
Yow ar at!
WHAT'S GOING ON? A FIGHT?
LOOKS LIKE IT.
Yikes, is he okay?
Eh?
Don't fuck with me
GEEZ...
NO MATTER HOW YOU SLICE IT, THAT'S--
URK
ドカッ

...JUST A LITTLE KID!
CHARGE
YOU LOOK AFTER THE KID~~
~~NOSHIRO!
dash
GOT IT

grip
JUST SPIT IT OUT ALREADY!
NGH
GLUH
EASY THERE
!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE
BUT RESORTING TO VIOLENCE AGAINST A KID IS JUST PATHETIC

freeze
flustered
GYAAA!!
MENACING
SQUEEZE
!!
SHUT THE FUCK UP!!
THIS DOESN'T CONCERN YOU--!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
COUGH
COUGH
throb throb
DON'T MAKE ME ASK YOU AGAIN.
throb throb

OH...
tremble
tremble
tremble
show
IT'S FINE, YOU CAN THROW UP IF YOU NEED TO DO SO
pat
pat
I'm so so sorry
Don't sweat it
JUST FOCUS ON CALMING DOWN NOW
BLARGH
NO, HE'S STILL
I ran him off for now
HOW DOES IT LOOK?
IS HE GOING TO BE OKAY?

...ASHITAKA?
YE/H...
I'D LIKE TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM FOR A BIT LONGER...
ALL RIGHT, I'LL CHECK AND SEE IF WE CAN LET HIM REST AT THE BAR
DASH
.....

He... agreed immediately even though it was trouble some, so
THAT BAR OWNER MUST REALLY LIKE TAKING CARE OF OTHERS
THOUGH HE DOESN'T LOOK IT
HE'S NICE, DON'T YOU THINK?
He's our idol.

...AGHIT/KA.
.....?

WERE YOU OKAY WITH NOT HAVING A DRINK...?
YEAH, WHATEVER...

step
step
tug
!
HEY!!
Dragging me into an alley ?!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING??
NOSHIRO!
STOP PUSHING YOURSELF...

YOU FEEL HOT...
YOU HAVE TO BE FEELING SICK, RIGHT...?
Ngh...
slump
WHY...
...are you so good at reading this kind of thing, geez...
HNG
I... I see...
IT'S THE POWER OF LOVE
YOU SOUND LIKE YOU'RE GONNA HURL
URK

This is so lame, vomiting because of someone else...
BLARGH
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT--SEEING SOMEONE ELSE BARF MAKES YOU WANT TO AS WELL IF YOU ALREADY FEEL SICK, RIGHT?
ALL DONE?
wipe wipe
UGH--DON'T WIPE ME WITH YOUR SLEEVE.
WELL I USED MY HANDKERCHIEF AND ANY TISSUES I HAD ON THAT BOY.
THEN JUST... USE MINE.
IT'S FINE
I CAN JUST SEND IT OUT TO BE CLEANED

WELL, LET'S GET OUT OF HERE.
YOU'LL JUST FREEZE HERE.
UGH WAIT... I CAN'T HANDLE A TRAIN OR TAXI JUST YET...
THEN...
MY PLACE WILL DO, RIGHT?
It's just a 10-minute walk from here.

YOU KNOW—
YOU LOOK COLD. BUT YOU SURE DO KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF OTHERS—
WELL, I DID SPEND ALL 4 YEARS OF COLLEGE NURSING YOU TO HEALTH WHENEVER YOU GOT SICK.
NOT THAT I CARE MUCH FOR LOOKING AFTER ANYONE OTHER THAN YOU
Aside from that kiss before
The lid's open
Thanks

And the reason—
—I feel warm all the way to my fingers—

YOU KNOW—

HM?

IT'S NICE...
...HAVING YOU HERE IN MY HOME
...THAT SO...?
I WONDER IF I CAN CHANGE YOUR TEMPERATURE MYSELF...
RUU

YOU KNOW, THIS ACTUALLY
FEELS PRETTY GOOD
I can't believe you
...WHAT KIND OF A PERSON FRENCHES A GUY WHO JUST THREW UP...?
lick
haa
I GET CARRIED AWAY EVEN WHEN I TRY FOR A CASUAL KISS WITH YOU.
IT'S ALWAYS BEEN LIKE THAT--IN THE PAST AND NOW AS WELL...
suckle
ngh
kiss
!

SIGH
I'M GOING TO SLEEP
So I can jump you?
IDIOT.
YOU NEVER ONCE LAID A HAND ON ME WHEN I WAS SICK BEFORE
If you had, I sure as hell wouldn't have come here with you tonight
Ugh he hit the nail on the head
SO GET ME OUT A FUTON
AND A BLANKET

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HUH... I SEE...
I DO
YOU LIKE CHERRY TOMATOES, NOSHIRO...?
Ooh, he seems to have lowered his defenses...
Maybe he'll tell me his e-mail address now!
ASHITAKA, TELL ME YOUR E-MAIL AD--
FUCK NO.
Daaaamn, down is so awesome
warm
cozy
SUNK
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WHAT...THE HECK IS GOING ON HERE...?

sparkle
glitter
ZZZ...
. . and then spent the night at his place—
Hmm...oh right--I got sick. .
HURL
Ugh, how lame...
BRUSH
I'VE ALWAYS LOVED THE TEXTURE OF HIS HAIR...
sparkly and fluffy soft
HIS HAIR FEELS SO GOOD... JUST LIKE BEFORE—

WAKE
Pull
OH!
Good morning
...Not that I've ever told him so

sit up
Good morning
HOW'RE YOU FEELING NOW?
NOT BAD...

NEED TO PUKE?
AND YOUR THROAT?
NOT ANYMORE...
KIND OF SCRATCHY.

slide...

stretch
GUESS IT'S COLD, HUH...
I hate thinking about him, though.

lick
kiss
suckle
AH
YOU CAUGHT MY COLD
Probably
I'LL BE FINE
I'VE NEVER CAUGHT A COLD NOT EVEN WHEN I WAS A KID
Oh riiight
I SERIOUSLY ENVY THAT HEALTHY CONSTITUTION OF YOURS
BUT MORE TO THE POINT--

sharp
Because you were there.
ARE YOU AN IDIOT?
Not that I don't appreciate you moving the sofa and pulling out a futon for me to sleep on
MIND TELLING ME WHY WE'RE SLEEPING TOGETHER LIKE IT'S NOTHING?

No thanks necessary
NAH
I DID IT BECAUSE I WANTED TO
BUT-- WELL
I SUPPOSE I'M IN YOUR DEBT NOW
THANKS

Piping hot
Grilled salmon.
Pickled cucumbers and cabbage.
Tofu and onion miso soup.
WELL--I'M HEADING HOME
I'VE GOT WORK THIS AFTERNOON EVEN THOUGH IT'S A SATURDAY
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO AT LEAST HAVE BREAKFAST?
I'LL GET SOMETHING FROM THE CONVENIENCE STORE
...
WHAT ABOUT RICE?
whisper
FRESHLY STEAMED.
GOOD LORD I WANT TO EAT THAT BREAKFAST.
.....CAN I BORROW YOUR SHOWER...?
By all means!
And I put in some rice oil, so it's fluffy and lustrous too

I SEE!
CONGRATS ON YOUR RE-CONCILIATION!
clap clap
UH, NO
WE'RE NOT BACK TO-GETHER
MAYBE, BUT IT'S KIND OF LIKE YOU'RE DATING NOW
YOU'LL BE FINE--BOT-TOMING CAN FEEL GREAT IF YOU GIVE IT TIME!
Cooooome to the bot tom side~
STOP BRINGING THAT TOPIC UP HERE!
WHY? FEEL-ING A LITTLE "FRUSTRATED" ARE WE?
YEAH...
ALSO--
I'D RATHER BE THE ONE MAKING SOMEONE ELSE FEEL GREAT, THANKS
Hell No

EVERYTIME I COME BY HERE LATELY, NOSHIRO'S HANGING AROUND, SO I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO HIT ON ANYONE...
AND I DON'T HAVE ANY SPECIAL PARTNERS EITHER...
AH!
Ooh, Noshiro isn't here yet today!
Now's my chance!
AKKUN--WHAT WAS YOUR TYPE AGAIN...?
GENERALLY HOTTIES WITH LIGHTLY COLORED SKIN...
AND IT'S A TOTAL PLUS IF THEIR HAIR IS SOFT LIKE A CAT'S...
Turn
Wonder if there's any one around
See??
That describes Non (Noshiro) perfectly!!
UGH
.....

I mean if I COULD fuck Noshiro, then I wouldn't mind at all...
Buuut...
Dammit...
I CAN WIN AGAINST HIM IN A FIGHT...
...BUT HE'S GOT A BETTER PHYSIQUE THAN ME WHEN IT COMES TO HOLDING SOMEONE DOWN, SO IT'S TOUGH...
For light BDSM play!
HANDCUFFS
Easy on the wrists!
It'll be fine! Use these, and while he's indisposed...
Then here's a present for the worried Akkun!
TADA~!
?
WHAT'S THAT?

I GET IT NOW...
IT'S AS SIMPLE AS MY MAKING THE FIRST MOVE...
grin
thumbs up
ROCK HIS WORLD.
WAIT--
I CAN'T FORCE HIM INTO ANYTHING!
(though okay, I did jump him while he was asleep)
THAT'S NOT SIMPLE AT ALL!!
SHOVE
WHY YOU...
That stubborn side of you is so cool, though!
Akkun so stiff!
CLATTER
YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN OVER THERE
HEY
Settle

SURE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME FUN WITH YOU, TOO...
He's really...
SURE...
BY ALL MEANS...
...my type
reach...
It'd be even better if his hair had nicer texture...
!?
tug
UWAH!

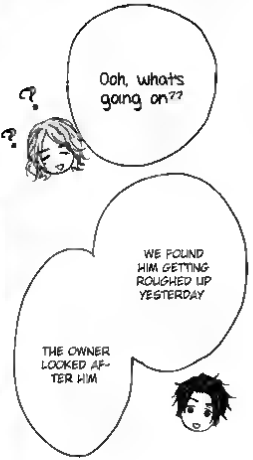
SMOOCH
!?
PHWAH!
NOSHIRO, YOU ASS-HOLE!!
Tak' He's already taken
SLAM
URK
GLARE
suck!

BUT FORGET THAT--
--HOW'S YOUR COLD?
You don't need chances with anyone else but me.
YOU SCREWED UP A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY!
Ooh, it's Non. How's it goin'??
OH--
YOU TWO ARE HERE
SIR!
HOW'S THE KID FROM YESTERDAY DOING?
You're late, manager!
You're finally here!
If you don't take it seriously at the start, you'll wind up bedridden.
YEAH YEAH
I'm not drinking any booze
I'M MORE WORRIED ABOUT THE KID FROM YESTERDAY

Nah
GOOD TO SEE YOU'RE DOING WELL
THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
I'M SORRY FOR CAUSING YOU TROUBLE LAST NIGHT!
HERE HE IS
Peek

Ooh yeah
Want something to drink?
WOOOW

What kind of juice do you want?
Ly chee!


Ooh, whats going on??
WE FOUND HIM GETTING ROUGHED UP YESTERDAY
THE OWNER LOOKED AF-TER HIM

HAVEN'T FELT LIKE THAT IN A LONG TIME, MYSELF...
YEAH... I FORGET WHAT A CRUSH E-VEN FEELS LIKE...!
stretch
So darn sparkly!
HE'S FAL-LEN FOR HIM, HUH...
CRUSHING HARD!
Too bright to handle!
IT FEELS LIKE THIS, RIGHT?
PRESS
tug
HUH—?

I'VE GOT A CRUSH ON YOU, ASHITAKA
...UMP...
BADUMP

Y...
YEAH, SURE
stiff
clench
Why're you so stiff...?
I...
I GET IT NOW
ASHITAKA?
..SEE?

GRAB
UWAH!
CLATTER

HEY...
BADUMP

BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
BADUMP
AH
SHIT
squeeze
Crap...
BADUMP
CLATTER

AH...!

I want to fuck so badly right now...
CLATTER
SLAM
frantic
BUMP
THUMP
rustle
huff...

haa
haa
kiss
lick
Ngh...
smoooooch
My
Uh
gulp

ha-
haa
WHAT...?
SIT ON THE BED
PHWAH!
haa
haa
mmf
NOSHIRO...
ribble
hwff
lick
I'LL SUCK YOU OFF
hug
THAAAT'S RIGHT...BE HAPPY
...WHILE YOU CAN!

And then just when he's about to pop!...
haa
GLANCE
haa...
slurp
schlorp
That's some first-class assholery!
But I'm taking top!
I'LL TRAP HIM!
*in the handcuffs
suckle
schlorp
slurp
AH--SORRY!
...ASHI-TAKA?
haa
suckle

Mmf..
Ugh...
schlick
schlorp schlorp
suckle
SHOCK
!!
ASHI-TAKA !!
clack

Jingle
!!?
Ashitaka's are here as well.
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I thought I'd slap the handcuffs on him
!?
clack
—only to have them wind up on me instead
And now..

Oi--
HEY!!
NOSHIRO!
...he's got me flat on my back
YOU--
WHERE THE HELL DID YOU GET THESE CUFFS?!
...RUI GAVE THEM TO ME.
Lately I've been into...
E...N BDSM
RUI!!!
I'M GONNA CHEW HIM OUT FOR 3 HOURS!

I FELT THE NEED TO EXERCISE SOME SELF-PRESERVATION.
DAMMIT. I CAN'T REFUTE HIM.
jingle
jingle
SO--
WHY THE HELL DID YOU PUT THESE CUFFS ON ME?
GET THEM OFF!
I'M GONNA GET PISSED!
jingle
clench
HUH?!
...THAT BLACK FUR LOOKS REALLY GOOD ON YOU...
huff
BUT...

clench
HEY--DON'T GET ME HARD!
IT'S CRAZY SEXY
ngh
tremble
YOU'RE IN THE MOOD AREN'T YOU?
WHY NOT?
SEE...?
.....

schlick
schlick
huff
TAKE OFF THE CUFFS FIRST...
I'll slug him and take the top position!
Once my hands are free...
ALL YOU HAVE TO DO RIGHT NOW IS FEEL GOOD.
O--OH!
schlorp
squelch
schlick
schlick
BUT--I'M GETTING A BAD FEELING FROM YOU...
SO NO.
FUCKING ASSHOLE!!

tremble
NGH
Shit..
schlock
schlock
Hng...
huff
Never... would've thought he could drive me this far. just with his hand ..
!
AH...!
JOLT
jingle
lick
rip

NOSHIRO !
YOU JUST DID THIS FOR ME, RIGHT?
WELL-- YEAH, BUT...
slide
schlick
schlick
tremble
SHOCK
slurp slorp
squelch
schlorp
Hng!
shudder

shudder
wibble
SFX: SPLURT
squirt
!!
huff
huff
huff
HE GOT ME OFF

huff
huff
'S IT STILL IN YOUR MOUTH...?
MM...
THEN SPIT IT THE FUCK OUT!!
IDIOT!!
MM...
yank
roll
WHAA--?!

drip
NOSHIRO!
.....!?
DON'T SPIT IT OUT THERE!!
shudder
.....
dribble...
clench
HAA--?!
DAMMIT
WHAT THE FUCK DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING--?!
tremble

suckle
fondle
lick
suck
!!
....!
STO...!!
cleath
sniff
Hng!
ugh...
YOU SERIOUSLY NEVER TOOK IT FROM HERE AT ALL?
YOU'RE SO STIFF...
fondle
stroke

JUST RELAX
ASHI-TAKA
suckle
I KEEP TELLING YOU...
I CAN'T DO IT...
SO GET OFF ME
forcible
press
OI!
I SAID-- CUT IT THE FUCK OUT!!
NOSHI-RO...!
STO--!
schlorp
stroke
stroke

SO YOU'RE SAYING
YOU HATE THE IDEA OF DOING IT WITH ME? SO BADLY YOU'RE ABOUT TO CRY?
...
I JUST WANT TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD, ASHITAKA
I WANT US TO FEEL GOOD TOGETHER.

muffle
SURE--IF OUR POSITIONS WERE REVERSED,
YOU FELT THE SAME WAY, DIDN'T YOU...?
I'LL HAVE YOU WRITHING IN SO MUCH DELIRIOUS ECSTASY YOU WON'T EVEN FEEL ANY PAIN.
YOU'RE NOT PULLING A FAST ONE ON ME WITH THOSE WORDS.
lean
kiss
hmph

I'M DONE
...WITH GETTING FUCKED AND THEN FUCKED OVER...
BUT YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG--
Get off of me
DO I, REALLY?
jingle
WHAT NOW?

I SWEAR I WON'T HURT YOUR BODY OR SOUL.
I PROMISE TO DO NOTHING YOU DON'T WANT ME TO DO
SO PLEASE...
PLEASE LET ME TAKE YOU ONCE MORE...

AND IF I'M STILL NOT ABLE TO MAKE YOU FEEL GOOD...
THEN DO WHATEVER YOU WANT.
PUNCH ME, KICK ME-- TOP ME IF YOU LIKE
I WANT TO FILL UP EVERY NOOK AND CRANNY OF YOUR BODY WITH ME
JUST--JUST DON'T LEAVE ME LIKE BEFORE

I JUST LOVE YOU SO DAMN MUCH, IT FEELS LIKE MY HEART'S GONNA EXPLODE!
BADUMP
clench

very very very reluctant
ASHI-TAKA...?
FINE.
I'LL LET YOU DO ME JUST THIS ONCE.
flush
BUT JUST SO YOU KNOW--
THE ONLY ONE I'D EVER COMPRO-MISE LIKE THIS FOR--
!
tug

lick
suckle
huff
NGH...
huff
...IS YOU.

ASHI-TAKA
ARE YOU SURE YOU DON'T WANT ME TO RE-MOVE THE CUFFS...?
Squelch
Slide
Suckle
IT'S FINE—
Huff
Squelch
Squelch
Slurp
I FEEL LIKE I'D PROBABLY SLUG YOU IF YOU SET ME FREE
Just out of reflex
Ngh
HEY—
Huff
Huff
Ngh...
tremble
squelch
squelch
Huff

AREN'T YOU DONE YET?
I'M JUST MAKING SURE.
ARE YOU GONNA DO IT 'TIL YOUR FINGERS GET ALL PRUNY?!
fwump
UGH...
It doesn't matter how much he stretches me out...
IT'S STILL GONNA HURT LIKE A BITCH
spread...
GONNA BE PAINFUL
AND ROUGH
clean

ASHITAKA
NGH
tug
BUT DAMN CAN THIS GUY KISS...
lift
press...
...!!
brush
shudder
.....?
.....!?
WIPE
slide
squelch
ngh
ugh
!!
WIPE

throb throb
JOLT
AH!
THRUST
huff!
DID THAT HURT?
NO--NO IT--
EH?!
WHAT THE HELL
IT ACTU-ALLY...
SHIT, YOU'RE SUCKING ME INSIDE...
Wah!
Ah--
-H!
-A...!
Gleah
WA--
Squelch
Ngh..
throb throb
Gleah
Squelch
throb

THANK GOOD-NESS...
SOUNDS LIKE IT FEELS GOOD...
N--NO--
JUST--
WAIT!
THRUST
AH!
NAE
high
AH!
haa
THRUST
THRUST
jingle
jingle
jingle
WHY...
WHY DOES IT FEEL SO...
JOLT
JOLT
JOLT
haa
nn
ASHI-TAKA...
!!

SHATTER
"
It just...
...feels so amazing...
...I could fly...!
AH...

stare...
I THOUGHT I HEARD THE SOUND OF SOMETHING BURSTING...
JUST NOW...
WAKE
POP!
ZZZ...
A...
SHI-TAKA...
mumble
Talking in his sleep?
AH!
That was BAD...
WHAT THE FUCK...
I JUST THOUGHT OF THIS GUY AS CUTE...!
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Final Chapter

NOSHIRO,
GET THAT STUPID GRIN OFF YOUR FACE

SHUT UP, MORON.
And those sparkles are starting to piss me off...
I'm just so thrilled--I never thought you'd get that turned on.
sparkle
glimmer
CAN'T HELP IT, IT JUST SHOWS UP WITHOUT MY CONSENT
settle
FINE THEN
I'LL SCHOOL MY FEATURES AND DO MY BEST TO KEEP QUIET.
In return--how about letting me have your contact information now, hmm?
I know how to contact you, so that should be enough.
FUCK NO.
IT'S A PAIN IN THE ASS.
YOU'RE IMPOSSIBLE!!

WELL~
YOU NEVER LISTEN NO MATTER HOW OFTEN I TELL YOU TO KEEP YOUR TEXTS AND CALLS TO A MINIMUM.
But I want to hear your voice at least morning, noon, and night.
Every day
SERIOUS
LIKE ANYONE COULD BE EXPECTED TO GO ALONG WITH THAT, IDIOT!
How annoying!
AND JUST SO YOU KNOW--I'M STILL MAD AT YOU!
LAST NIGHT WAS...
WELL, THAT WAS ONE THING, BUT...

I WAS JUST BESIDE MYSELF WITH JOY
USE THE PRESENT TENSE!!
YOU'RE STILL DOING IT NOW!
Don't talk with such a serious face!
WHAT THE FUCK WERE YOU THINKING DOING IT ONCE WHEN WE WOKE UP--
--AND THEN AGAIN IN THE SHOWER?!
Thanks to you, I haven't been able to move an inch all day!! (evening now)
NOT LIKE YOU CAN BLAME ME
GEEZ
clink

ALL RIGHT
GET ME A CARAMEL MACCHIATO
SWEET ON SWEET??
It's fine.
I DON'T EAT OUT LIKE THIS THAT OFTEN
THAT'S YOUR SECOND DESSERT, RIGHT?
WANT SOMETHING MORE TO DRINK?
REALLY? EVEN WITH THAT SWEET TOOTH OF YOURS?
WELL--IT'S TOUGH EATING WHEN I'M AT A CAFE WITH SOMEONE AND I NEVER EAT WHEN I COME HERE ALONE
Ooh. It's red
We'll have a caramel macchiato and coffee

BUT I DON'T HAVE TO BE ALL THAT CONSIDERATE WITH YOU,
SO I CAN EAT TO MY HEART'S CONTENT.
Chomp
ASHITAKA?
...
...THEN HOW ABOUT WE FIND AN EVEN NICER PLACE TO EAT NEXT TIME?
Ch-
Ch
!

smack
tug
!?
NGH...
phwah

They shouldn't have tried to make tomatoes sweet
munch munch
MM..
LIGH--WHAT A LETDOWN
I HAD NO CLUE TOMATO JELLO WAS SO GROSS
I THINK IT'S ACTUALLY UNEXPECTEDLY TASTY.
THEN HERE YOU CAN HAVE THE REST
Here, you hold it
I'M SURE IT'LL TASTE EVEN BETTER IF YOU PASS IT TO ME THROUGH A KISS
LIKE HELL
THERE'S A GAY COUPLE OVER THERE WHO AREN'T PAYING ANY ATTENTION TO THEIR SURROUNDINGS!
Craaaaazy!!!

WELCOME TO--OH!
RATTLE

AKKUN!
And you've got Non with you!
HEY THERE
RUI

Rui.
smile

OOH, WHAT'S THIS?? A DATE?
WELL WE WERE JUST OUT AND ABOUT, SO WE DROPPED BY

Yes?
smile

AND PINK FOR NON WOULD BE BEST!
WELL-- I JUST THOUGHT BLACK FUR FOR YOU
DON'T YOU DARE EVER GIVE HIM ANY-THING STUPID LIKE THAT AGAIN.
YESSIR!

YOU'RE WELCOME!
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING THOSE CUFFS TO NOSHIRO
Tschee!
tug tug

SO?
WHAT MAKES YOU SAY THAT?
YOU FINALLY TRIED BOTTOM-ING, THEN?

HUH?
WELL--NON'S JUST OOZING HAPPINESS!!
glance

That expression...
...O!!
NOSHI-RO!
GEH-- MY LEGS HAVE NO STRENGTH.
A beautiful ass right in front of my face...
Ruste
Ruste
IT'S FUCKING ANNOYING!
STOP BEING ALL CLINGY FIRST THING IN THE MORNING!
Plus you're heavy. And put on some clothes, too!
CONK
Oww

PULL
SNOOZA
...OI.
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU EVEN SAYING?!
STOP TALKING TO MY ASS!!
WELL, YOUR BUTT WAS RIGHT THERE, SO I JUST...
JOLT
!?

THAT HURTS DAMMIT
YEAH YOU'RE KIND OF SWOLLEN BACK HERE...
I TOLD YOU TO STOP TALKING TO MY ASS! AND TAKE YOUR FINGERS OUT!
SLID
UGH, I'M LEAKING FROM YOU POKING A--
TRICKLE

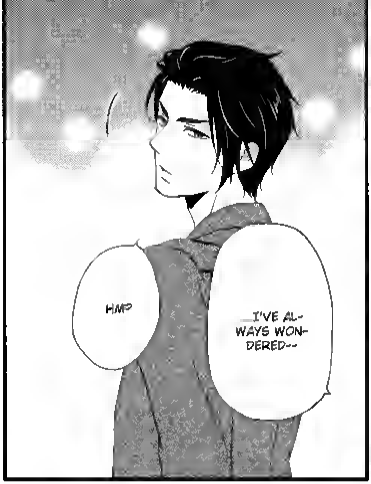
--ROUND
Dammit...
flip
grab
Why's he gotta look so fucking happy...?

ARE YOU THINKING OF STICKING IT IN ME NOW?!
!?
That fucking hurts!
tremble
rub
...OKAY, TRUE, I CAN'T DENY IT CONSIDERING WHAT I'D DO IN YOUR POSITION, BUT...!!
WOULDN'T YOU...?
IT'LL BE FINE
JUST REMEMBER LAST NIGHT
IF I GO SLOWLY, YOU'LL ADJUST IN NO TIME AND GET TURNED ON YOURSELF...
SEE?
DON'T JUST SAY WHATEVER YOU WANT
NGH

huff
CLANG
What's that for?
thumbs down
PISSED
Note. Rui actually makes a play on words with his name (Rui) and the word for friends made through shared interests (ruitomo).
HE'S A FRIEND! WE'RE BIRDS OF A FEATHER, HE AND I!
DO YOU KNOW THAT HOT GUY O-VER THERE?
Booo, that's not funny!
clench
YEEES?
MAN-AGER!
MAN-AGER!
Seriously! WHY?

MM...
HOW ABOUT IT, AKKUN?
WELL?
OOH, HE'S HOT TOO!!
OH...?
PLEASE INTRO-DUCE ME!
He's totally my type!!
SO THEN, HE GOES FOR GUYS, RIGHT??
UNFOR-TUNATELY,
HE'S HEAD OVER HEELS FOR ME.
No way!

SORRY, KID
BADUMP
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT
Akkun, you're so cool!
And so lewd, too!
HEH, THANKS
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE NOSHIRO
I feel like a new rival appeared
See ya
YOU'LL HAVE DINNER, RIGHT?
SURE
JAPANESE, IF YOU PLEASE
I want some chawanmushi
Roger
SHALL WE BUY SOME INGREDIENTS?
AND SOME VEGETABLES


HM?
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED--

PAUSE
WHAT'S WRONG?

.....

TO THAT CHERRY TOMATO PLANT?

WHATEVER HAPPENED

CLANG
OH, IT DIED AGES AGO.
WELL--THEY USUALLY DIE AFTER FRUITING ONCE
I see
CLANG
It was a dried out, withered husk
THOUGH THAT ONE DIED OF NEGLECT.
I see
I WAS SO PISSED AT YOU AFTER WE BROKE UP. I JUST PACKED UP ALL MY THINGS AND MOVED OVER-SEAS

Seeing that little plant...
I felt a surge of guilt
welling up inside of me.

I TRAVELED AROUND ON MY OWN FOR A WHILE
THEN--WHEN I FINALLY CAME BACK HOME, IT HAD DIED
Did some non-profit volunteer work, too

I NEVER COULD FIGURE OUT WHY YOU EVEN GAVE ME THAT THING IN THE FIRST PLACE
stare...
?
TO BE ABLE.
TO EAT THE THING I LOVE THE MOST, GROWN BY THE PERSON I LOVE THE MOST
ANYONE WOULD BE THRILLED TO HAVE THAT CHANCE. DON'T YOU THINK?
I know it's a really childish way of thinking, but still...

pfft!!
PAUSE
WH--WHAT THE HELL!
THAT'S A FUCKING ADORABLE REASON!

...YOU REALIZE THIS IS A SIDEWALK, RIGHT...?
HUH?
IT'S YOUR FAULT FOR HAVING SUCH A CUTE SMILE.
D-DAMMIT, WE'RE GOING TO MY PLACE!
YOUR PLACE?!
Did they just KISS?!
It's the guys from the cafe!
mier mier
mier mier

!
YOU'RE HOPELESS, SO I'LL GIVE YOU A GIFT.
HAPPINESS ENOUGH TO MAKE YOU EXPLODE!

The END

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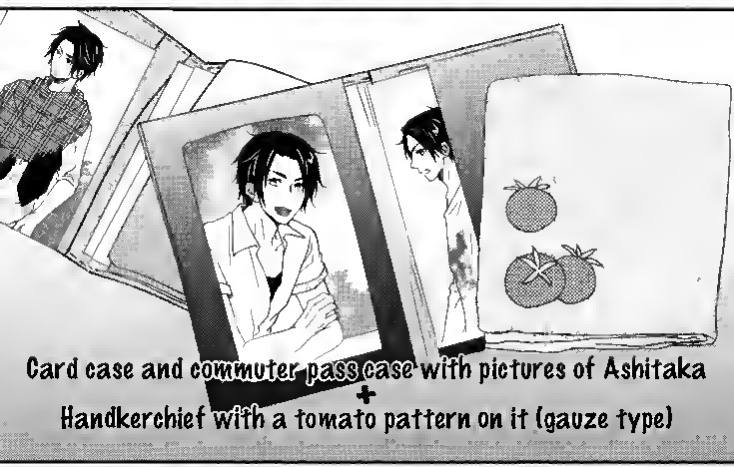
Puchi-outtake 1: what fell out of the coat.
GUESS I COULD HANG HIS SUIT UP AT LEAST
DROP
DROP
?
SOME-THING FELL...


Card case and commuter pass case with pictures of Ashitaka
+
Handkerchief with a tomato pattern on it (gauze type)

I KIND OF THOUGHT IT WAS CUTE...
I mean, a tomato pattern?
AKKLIN, YOU'RE FORGETTING THAT YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ANGRY CHARACTER!
Not even bothered by the picture...huh?
It's too soon to be getting lovestruck!

Puchi-outtake 2: sleeping together
wake...
STARE
Swelling and bags under the eyes suggesting he spent the whole night watching Ashitaka sleep
mumble
It's perfectly normal to satisfy myself with staring at you longingly, counting even the numbers of hairs in your eyelashes, when I've got you sleeping beside me but I can't lay a hand on you. It's been ages since I got to do that so I could stare for hours and still not get tired of it.
mumble
...Mind keeping your distance?
It was really gross.

clack
Puchi-outtake 3: handcuffs
jingle
.....
HRGH!
SHATTER
He was pretty sure Ashitaka could break them.

Puchi-outtake 3 continued
YOU'VE GOT SOME BALLS TO TRY AND SLAP HANDCUFFS ON ME, NOSHIRO...
I'M SURE YOU'RE PREPARED...
...TO FACE THE CONSEQUENCES, RIGHT?
...ASHITAKA?
NOW IT'S YOUR TURN TO WEAR THE FURRY HANDCUFFS!
FUCK NO! THEY DON'T LOOK GOOD ON ME! IT'S WAY TOO EMBARRASSING!
AND IT'S NOT FOR ME?!
...it didn't end in sex.
The END